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(54) Expandable anchor and method of installing it

(57) The anchor is for installation in supports (60) for hanging pipes, wires or other articles in ceilings and is shaped for a socket to drive the device for an easy installation process. The device comprises a collapsible anchoring portion (35) having radially expanding anchoring strips, which will not pull out of a hole drilled in a support. A drill (40) drills a hole in a support and an expandable anchor (30) is inserted through the hole. Threads (34) internal to the expandable anchor cooperate with threads on a screw (20) inserted therein to collapse the expandable anchor (30), providing anchoring strips over the hole such that the expandable anchor cannot be pulled out of the hole. A threaded portion (22) of the base (24) of the screw (20) is suitable for attaching the article to be hung. The base may be a swivel head type.

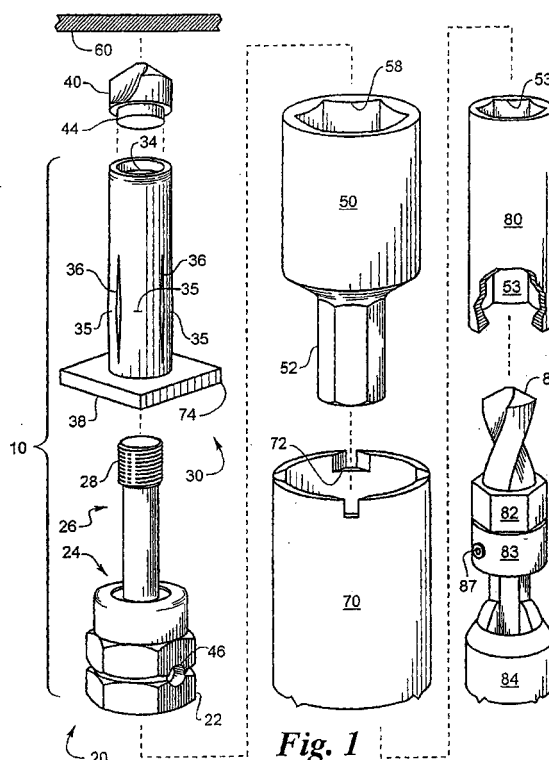


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